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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF SOMALI FLAG SHIPPING

REF: A) MOGADISCIO 584

B) HONG KONG 4408

RE REQUEST IN PARA 8 REF (A), DEPARTMENT ESSENTIALLY AGREES WITH EXCELLENT ANALYSIS PROVIDED BY CONGEN IN REF (B). WE WOULD HIGHLIGHT POINTS MADE IN CONGEN REPORT ON THE CREW ISSUE. A PRECIPITOUS EFFORT BY THE SOMALIS TO IMPLEMENT THEIR DECISION, IF IT RESULTED IN THE RAPID TRANSFER OF THE FORMER SOMALI FLAG VESSELS TO THE PRC FLEET RATHER THAN A SHIFT TO OTHER FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE, COULD INDEED GIVE PRC PROBLEMS IN FINDING CONFIDENTIAL

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CAPABLE CREWS. THIS COULD IN TURN LEAD TO A (PRESUMABLY TEMPORARY) MODIFICATION OF CURRENT PRC POLICY TO UTILIZE HONG KONG OR EVEN THIRD COUNTRY CREWS, INSTEAD OF EXCLUSIVELY PRC CREWS, ON PRC FLAG VESSELS. AT THIS

POINT, HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT LARGE NUMBERS
OF PRC-OWNED SOMALI FLAG VESSELS ARE ACTUALLY BEING TRANS-
FERRED TO THE CHINESE INTERNATIONAL FLEET. PEKING MIGHT
WELL ATTEMPT TO PRESS SOMALIS TO DELAY IMPLEMENTING THE
NEW GSDR POLICY VIS-A-VIS THE CHINESE VESSELS. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE CONTINUED REPORTING ON THIS AND RELATED ISSUES
BY ADDRESSEE POSTS. KISSINGER

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